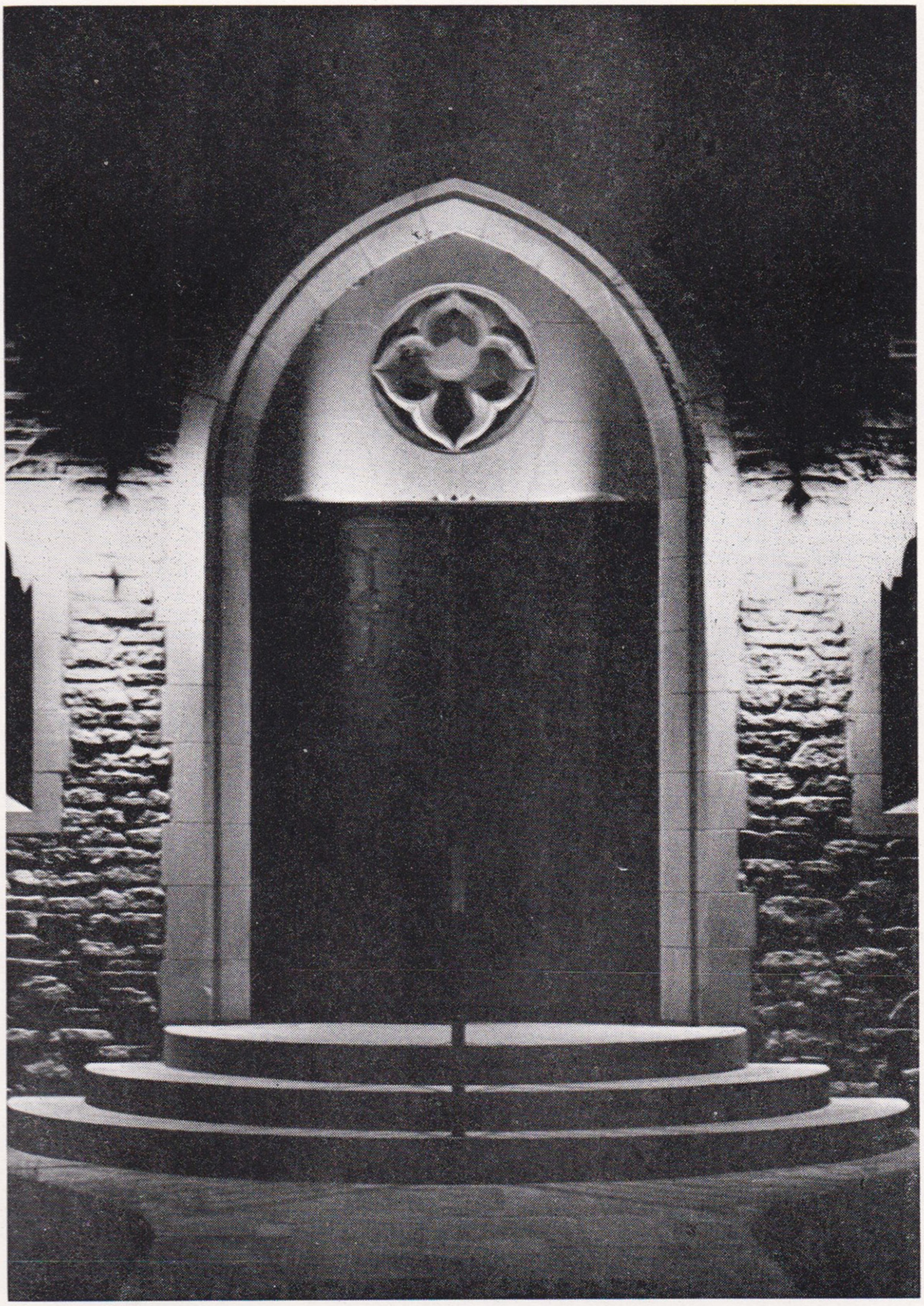
THE COMMUNITY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION



Knock . . . . and the door will be opened

THE MOTHER FOUNDRESS

Since its foundation in 1898 the Community of the Transfiguration has opened its doors to those who, like Mother Eva Mary, have answered the call to give themselves completely to God in the Religious Life.

THE NAME

High Altar

Chapel of the Transfiguration

Dedicated to the great mystery of the Transfiguration the Community offers to its members the Mixed Life of prayer and service.

SIMPLICITAS

"We cannot be simple by saying we will be so, but rather by making Christ the focal point of all our thought."

—RULE

THE MOTTO

Next to the mystery of the Transfiguration Mother Eva took delight in the motto of the Community: Benignitas, Simplicitas, Hilaritas.

BENIGNITAS

"Every Sister must be an exemplar of kindness to all with whom she comes in contact."

—RULE

HILARITAS

"From the beginning our essential note has seemed to be not austerity but happiness, the blessedness of our condition. All the Beatitudes are ours."

—PROLOGUE TO THE RULE

STEPS IN THE RELIGIOUS LIFE

ASPIRANT

Any young woman of good character who is a member of the Anglican Communion, at least 21 years of age, of sound physical and mental health, and free from prior and binding claims, may be accepted as a candidate, residing in the Convent for a period of at least one month.

CANDIDATE

POSTULANT

Upon nomination of the Superior and Council she is received as a postulant.

ANTIPHON:

"Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Memorial for a Postulant

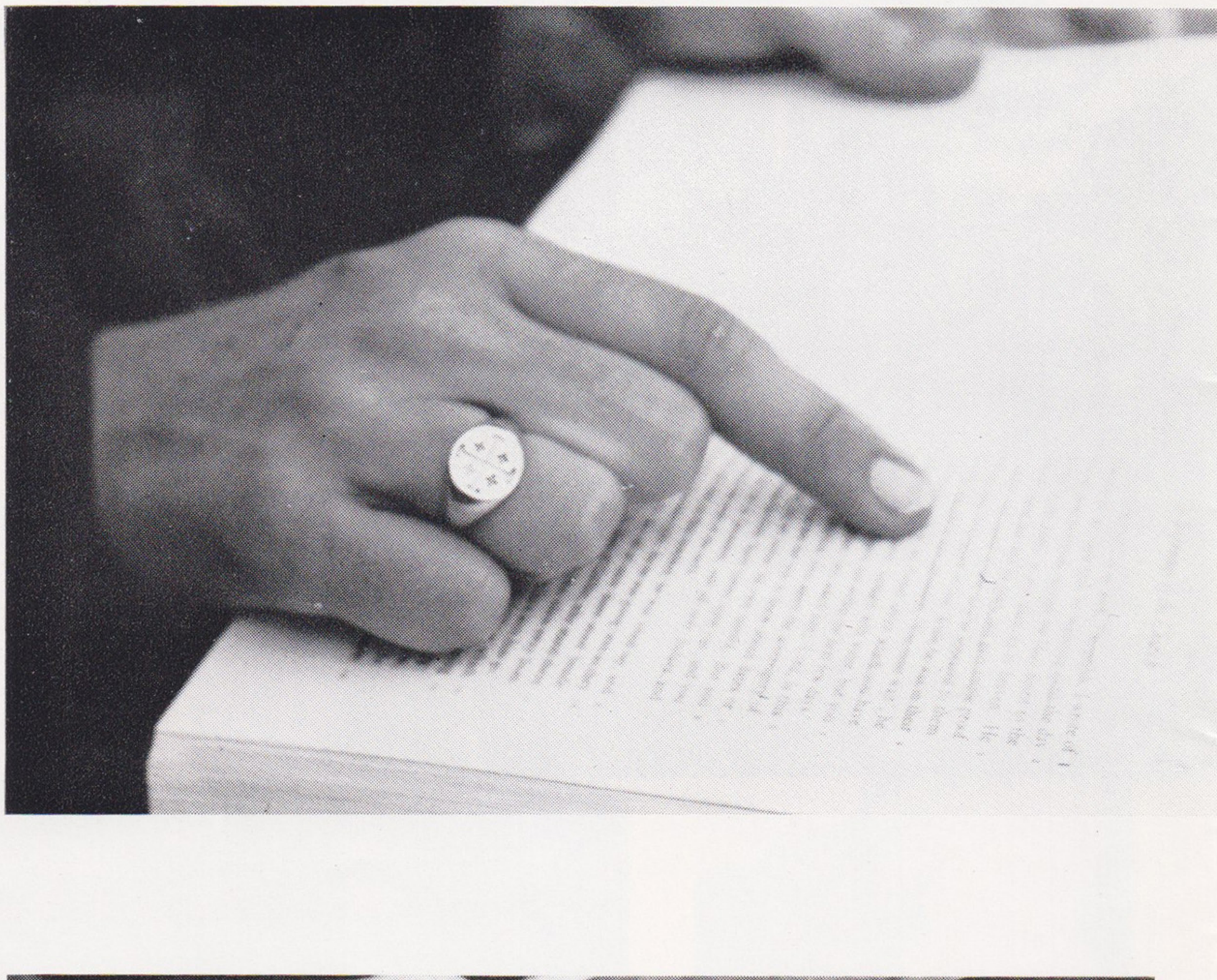
NOVICE

"She is tentatively living the life she hopes some day to have in its fullness."

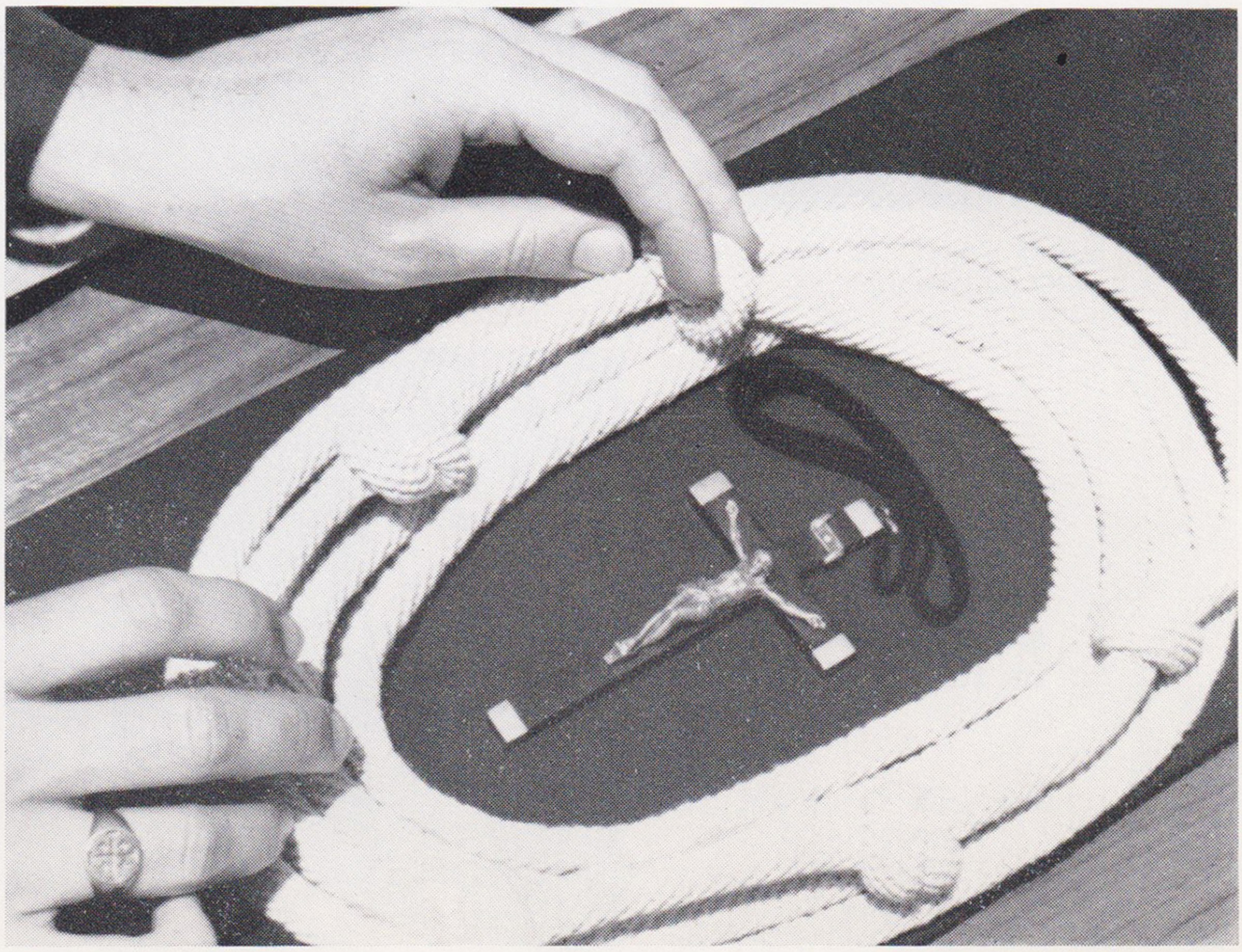
—RULE

THE LIFE VOW

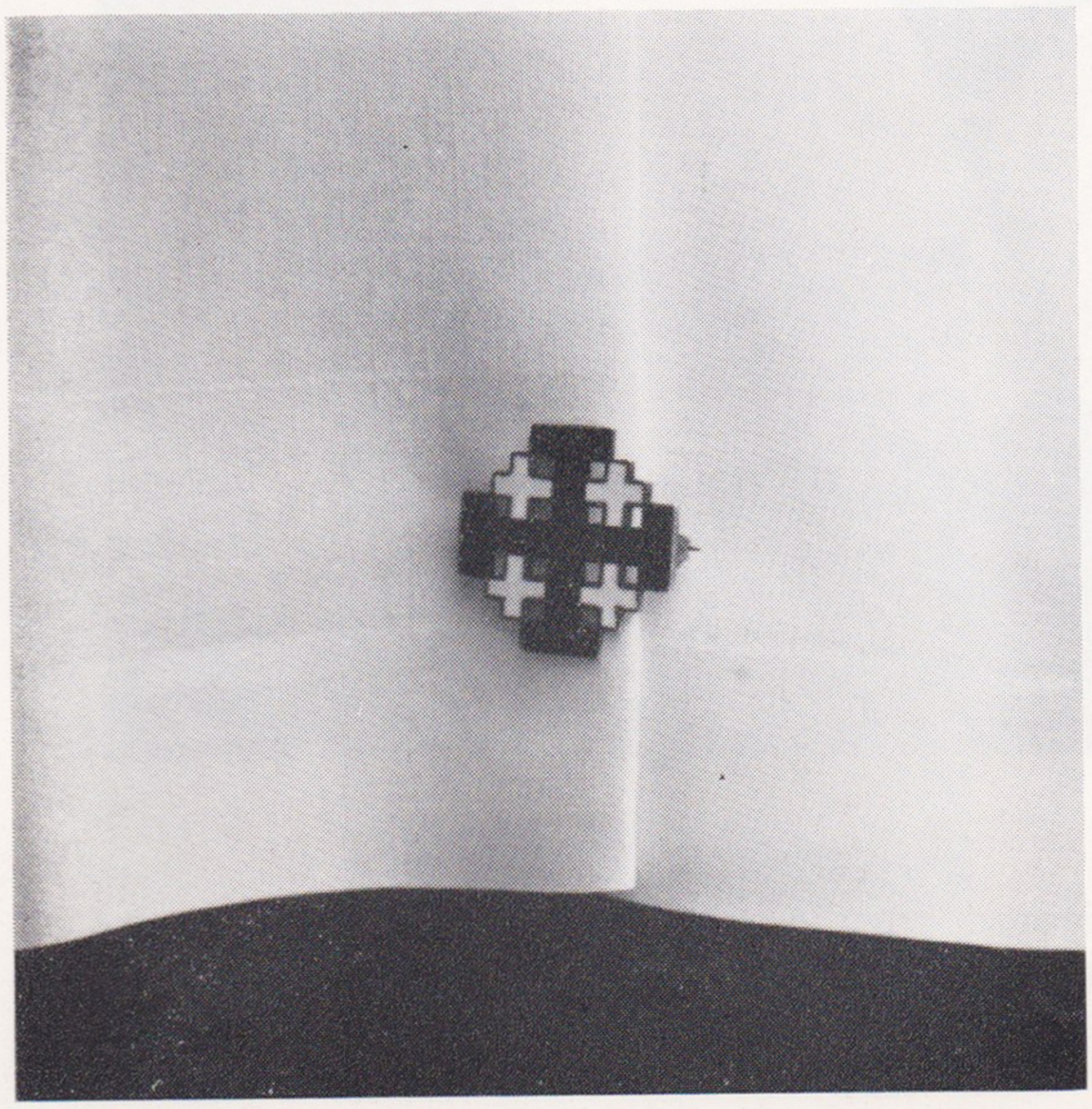
When her three years as a Novice are completed, if elected by the Chapter, the Sister makes her final vows.



She wears for life the veil of Chastity, the crucifix of Poverty, the girdle of Obedience, and as a mark of her Profession, the scapular of service.



The Cross, chosen by Mother Eva as the symbol of the Community, is worn to fasten the veil and is cut as a signet on the ring, showing "that we are signed and sealed with the Jerusalem Cross into a pact with Christ forever binding." —RULE



"The color of our habit being the blue of the Virgin makes a note of joy in our clothing, expressing the Hilaritas of our motto." —RULE

THE DAILY LIFE OF A SISTER IS ONE OF MUCH PRAYER

"The object of the whole Community and of each member of it is to promote the praise, the glory and the love of God by means of union with Him, Who is our ultimate end."

—RULE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

"Those dedicated to the life of the Counsels must ever find renewal of strength in assisting at the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice."

—RULE

THE DIVINE OFFICE

". . . with the Psalmist, the Religious takes up the work of praise in the Divine Office. . . . In this work of God the Religious, fulfilling her obligation to the Divine Office in choir, or apart, shares in the breathing of the Church."

—RULE

MEDITATION

"Thinking of God, speaking to God, listening to God, giving ourselves to Him and receiving the outpouring of His Love and Grace, gazing upon Him with love and adoration, all this forms the content of mental prayer by which the Religious is daily led into closer union with the Beloved."

—RULE

SPIRITUAL READING

"We have pledged ourselves to be diligent in prayer and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help us to the knowledge of the same."

—RULE

INTERCESSSION

"In praying for others, the Religious finds her greatest opportunity for fulfilling our Lord's command, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'."

—RULE

Rogation Day Procession in which we pray for God's Blessing upon the earth.

THE DAILY LIFE IS ALSO ONE OF MUCH WORK . . .

in the kitchen

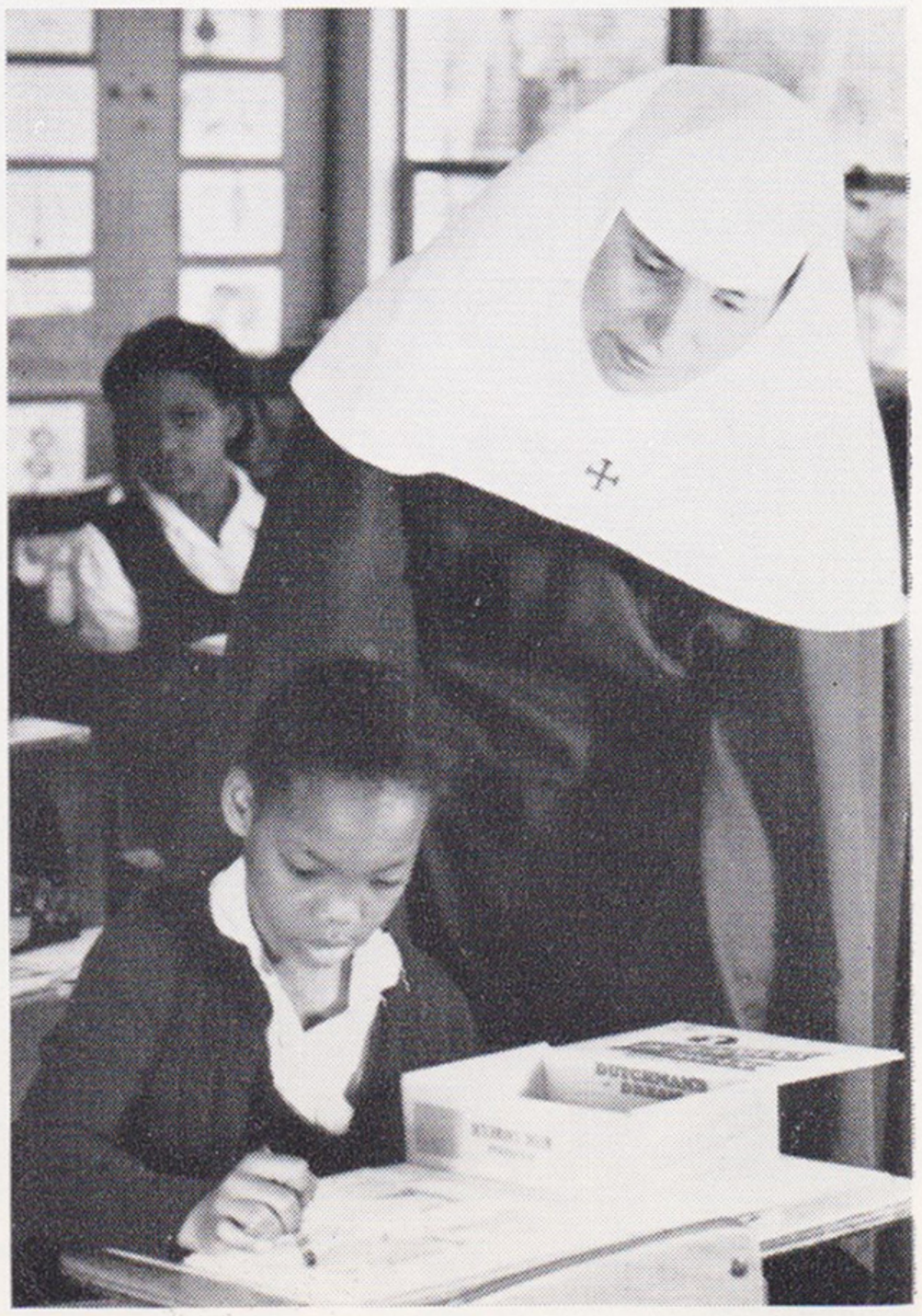
in the laundry

"We come down from the mount of a retreat, from our meditation or perhaps from a moment of quiet communion with God, to find ourselves plunged into active work, into the teaching of children, or of caring for the sick, into the commonplace of setting tables or of washing pots and pans."

—RULE

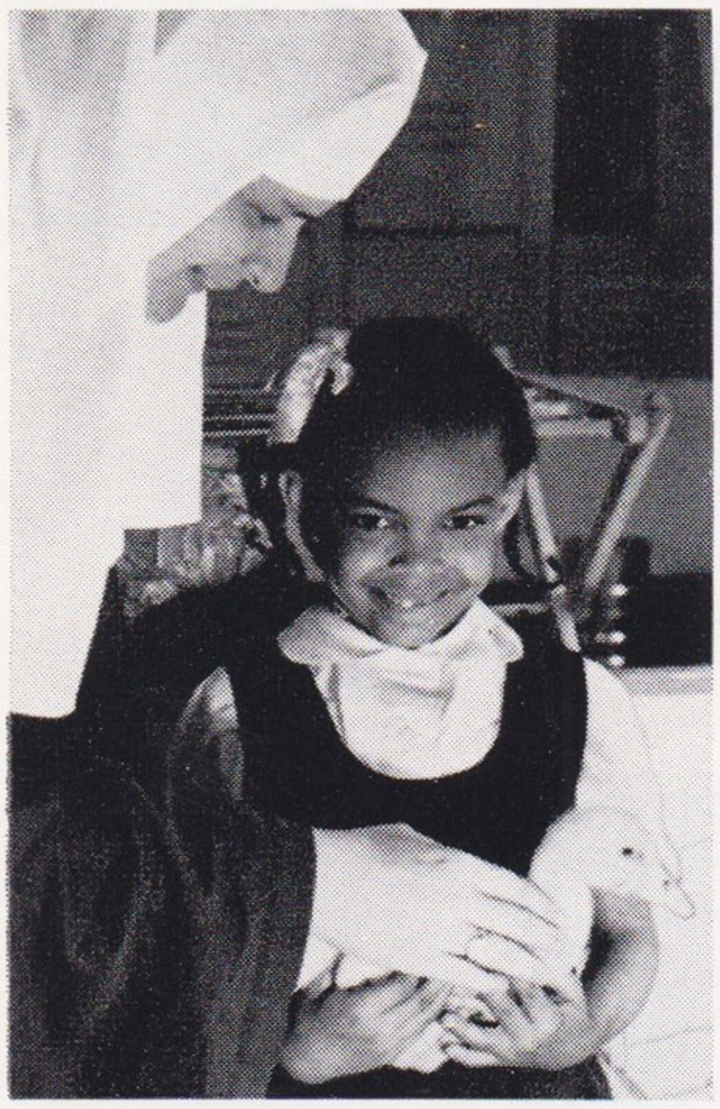
in the Chapel

in the class room



AT HOME

Bethany School
Glendale, Ohio



St. Simon's School
Lincoln Heights, Ohio

St. Mary's Memorial Home
Glendale, Ohio

St. John's Home
Painesville, Ohio

St. Matthew's Episcopal
Day School
San Mateo

and

St. Dorothy's Rest
Camp Meeker, California

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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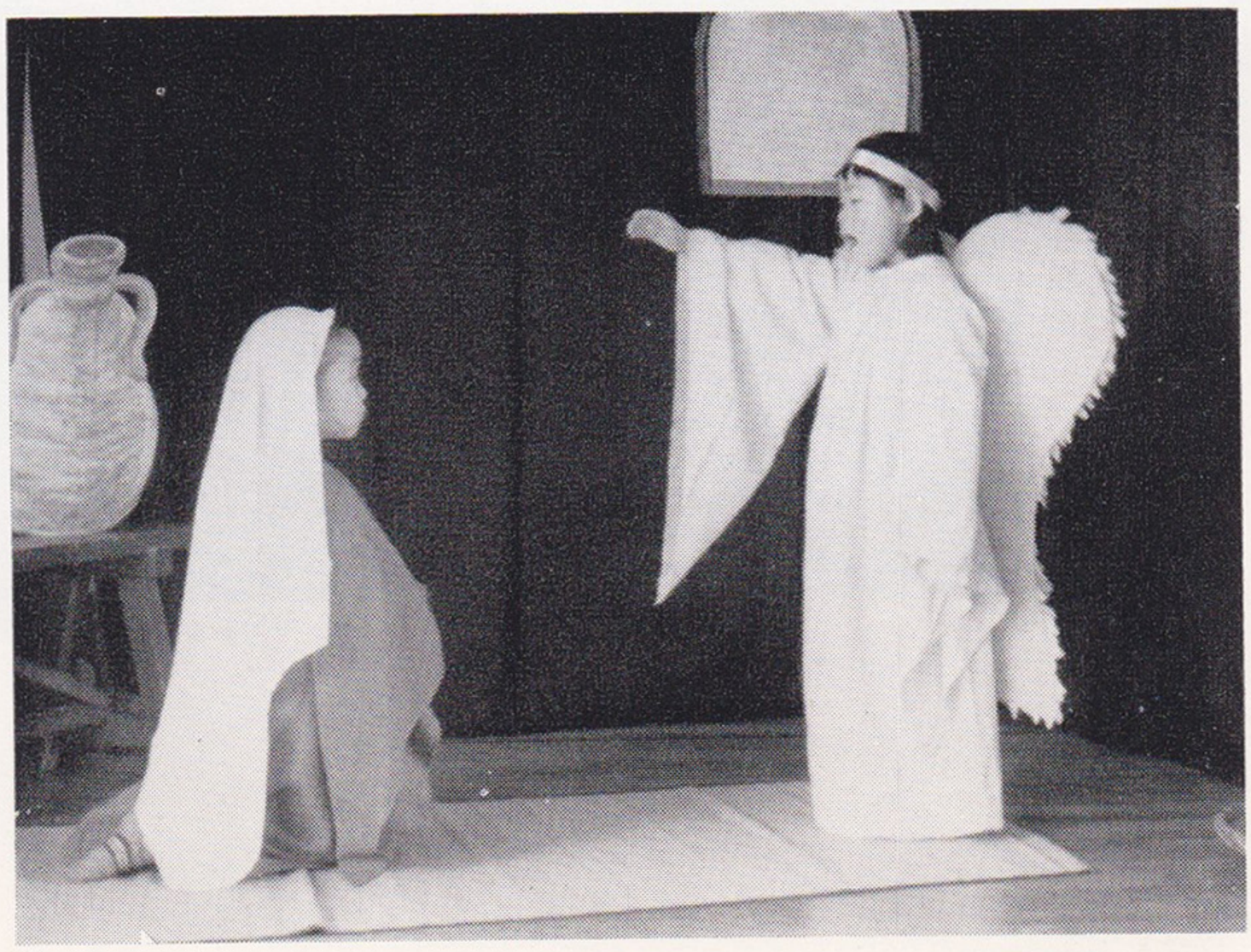
Ponce, Puerto Rico



St. Christopher's Kindergarten,
Convent of the Transfiguration,
Sendai, Japan

THE DAILY LIFE OF A SISTER IS ONE OF FELLOWSHIP . . .

with her Sisters

"The atmosphere of a Christian Home should be joy and love."

—RULE

with her Associates, benefactors and helpers

and with members of other Communions: Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic.

Benedictines of Abbaye Paix, Notre Dame, Liege, Belgium.

Visitors from the Syrian Orthodox Church, Malabar, India.

So through the door of Vocation a Sister directs her footsteps toward God,

"AD TE DOMINE."

FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOT STEPS

Convent Garden

"'In the volume of the book it is written of me that I should fulfill Thy Will, O my God; I am content to do it.'"

—RULE

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